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H. R. 6274

To improve State, local, and tribal public health security.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HAALAND (for herself and Mr. GALLEG0) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To improve State, local, and tribal public health security.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “CDC Tribal Public
5 Health Security and Preparedness Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL PUBLIC**
7 **HEALTH SECURITY.**

8 Section 319C–1 of the Public Health Service Act (42
9 U.S.C. 247d–3a) is amended—

10 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**AND**
11 **LOCAL**” and inserting “**, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL**”;

12 (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1)—

2 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking
3 “or” at the end;

4 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
5 “and” at the end and inserting “or”; and

6 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(D) be an Indian tribe, tribal organiza-
9 tion, or a consortium of Indian tribes or tribal
10 organizations; and”; and

11 (B) in paragraph (2)—

12 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
13 graph (A), by inserting “, as applicable”
14 after “including”;

15 (ii) in subparagraph (A)(viii)—

16 (I) by inserting “and tribal”
17 after “with State”;

18 (II) by striking “(as defined in
19 section 8101 of the Elementary and
20 Secondary Education Act of 1965)”
21 and inserting “and tribal educational
22 agencies (as defined in sections 8101
23 and 6132, respectively, of the Elemen-
24 tary and Secondary Education Act of
25 1965)”; and

1 (III) by inserting “and tribal”
2 after “and State”;

3 (iii) in subparagraph (G), by striking
4 “and tribal” and inserting “tribal, and
5 urban Indian organization”; and

6 (iv) in subparagraph (H), by inserting
7 “, Indian tribes, and urban Indian organi-
8 zations” after “public health”;

9 (3) in subsection (e), by inserting “Indian
10 tribes, tribal organizations, urban Indian organiza-
11 tions,” after “local emergency plans,”;

12 (4) in subsection (h)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1)(A)—

14 (i) by striking “through 2023” and
15 inserting “and 2020”; and

16 (ii) by inserting before the period “;
17 and \$690,000,000 for each of fiscal years
18 2021 through 2023 for awards pursuant to
19 paragraph (3) (subject to the authority of
20 the Secretary to make awards pursuant to
21 paragraphs (4) and (5)) and paragraph
22 (8), of which not less than \$5,000,000
23 shall be reserved each fiscal year for
24 awards under paragraph (8)”;

1 (B) in the heading of paragraph (3), by in-
2 serting “FOR STATES” after “AMOUNT”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(8) TRIBAL ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—

5 “(A) DETERMINATION OF FUNDING
6 AMOUNT.—

7 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary
8 shall award at least 10 cooperative agree-
9 ments under this section, in amounts not
10 less than the minimum amount determined
11 under clause (ii), to eligible entities de-
12 scribed in subsection (b)(1)(D) that sub-
13 mits to the Secretary an application that
14 meets the criteria of the Secretary for the
15 receipt of such an award and that meets
16 other reasonable implementation conditions
17 established by the Secretary, in consulta-
18 tion with Indian tribes, for such awards. If
19 the Secretary receives more than 10 appli-
20 cations under this section from eligible en-
21 tities described in subsection (b)(1)(D)
22 that meet the criteria and conditions de-
23 scribed in the previous sentence, the Sec-
24 retary, in consultation with Indian tribes,

1 may make additional awards under this
2 section to such entities.

3 “(ii) MINIMUM AMOUNT.—In deter-
4 mining the minimum amount of an award
5 pursuant to clause (i), the Secretary, in
6 consultation with Indian tribes, shall first
7 determine an amount the Secretary con-
8 siders appropriate for the eligible entity.

9 “(B) AVAILABLE UNTIL EXPENDED.—
10 Amounts provided to a tribal eligible entity
11 under a cooperative agreement under this sec-
12 tion for a fiscal year and remaining unobligated
13 at the end of such year shall remain available
14 to such entity during the entirety of the per-
15 formance period, for the purposes for which
16 said funds were provided.

17 “(C) NO MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—Sub-
18 paragraphs (B), (C), and (D) of paragraph (1)
19 shall not apply with respect to cooperative
20 agreements awarded under this section to eligi-
21 ble entities described in subsection (b)(1)(D).”;
22 and

23 (5) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(1) SPECIAL RULES RELATED TO TRIBAL ELIGIBLE
25 ENTITIES.—

1 “(1) MODIFICATIONS.—After consultation with
2 Indian tribes, the Secretary may make necessary
3 and appropriate modifications to the program under
4 this section to facilitate the use of the cooperative
5 agreement program by eligible entities described in
6 subsection (b)(1)(D).

7 “(2) WAIVERS.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
9 subparagraph (B), the Secretary may waive or
10 specify alternative requirements for any provi-
11 sion of this section (including regulations) that
12 the Secretary administers in connection with
13 this section if the Secretary finds that the waiv-
14 er or alternative requirement is necessary for
15 the effective delivery and administration of this
16 program with respect to eligible entities de-
17 scribed in subsection (b)(1)(D).

18 “(B) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary may not
19 waive or specify alternative requirements under
20 subparagraph (A) relating to labor standards or
21 the environment.

22 “(3) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall con-
23 sult with Indian tribes and tribal organizations on
24 the design of this program with respect to such
25 tribes and organizations to ensure the effectiveness

1 of the program in enhancing the security of Indian
2 tribes with respect to public health emergencies.

3 “(4) REPORTING.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years
5 after the date of enactment of this subsection,
6 and as an addendum to the biennial evaluations
7 required under subsection (k), the Secretary, in
8 coordination with the Director of the Indian
9 Health Service, shall—

10 “(i) conduct a review of the implemen-
11 tation of this section with respect to eligi-
12 ble entities described in subsection
13 (b)(1)(D), including any factors that may
14 have limited its success; and

15 “(ii) submit a report describing the
16 results of the review described in clause (i)
17 to—

18 “(I) the Committee on Indian Af-
19 fairs, the Committee on Health, Edu-
20 cation, Labor, and Pensions, and the
21 Committee on Appropriations of the
22 Senate; and

23 “(II) the Subcommittee on Indig-
24 enous People of the Committee on
25 Natural Resources, the Committee on

1 Energy and Commerce, and the Com-
2 mittee on Appropriations of the House
3 of Representatives.

4 “(B) ANALYSIS OF TRIBAL PUBLIC
5 HEALTH EMERGENCY INFRASTRUCTURE LIM-
6 TATION.—The Secretary shall include in the
7 initial report submitted under subparagraph (A)
8 a description of any public health emergency in-
9 frastructure limitation encountered by eligible
10 entities described in subsection (b)(1)(D).”.

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